



# ECOLE LORD TENNYSON

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We live, work, learn, and play on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. We wish to acknowledge the history of our neighborhood and community as we have all benefited from the richness of their teachings.

March 2022.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“ May we live in peace, whatever our background, our faith, the color of our skin, and our traditions. May we tolerate and appreciate differences. May we reject every form of violence and oppression. May we live with the spirit of what makes us citizens of the same world: **MAY KINDNESS UNITE US ALL.**”

### PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

As you are aware, Mr. Sallee is currently away on a leave. I, Mr. Mike McEwan, a retired elementary administrator, will be covering for Mr. Sallee during his absence. I know you join me in extending best wishes to Mr. Sallee.

Thank you to all the staff, students, and parents who have made me feel welcome since arriving here at Tennyson.

Special thanks to Mme. Kateryna for all the extra work required to bring another administrator up to speed with the nuances of the DNA of Lord Tennyson, while at the same time taking on the additional workload required to keep the school functioning smoothly.

Mike and Kateryna



As part of an ongoing dance unit, the students in Divisions 5 and 6 recently took part in a virtual dance workshop, learning about the traditional “gumboots” dance of South Africa. Miners used to communicate to each other by slapping and stomping their gumboots. This soon became a dance form popular with young people in South Africa. Now there are dance groups doing this style of dance all around the world! The workshop was offered in French by a dance instructor from the “Just Aïssi” dance company in Montreal. This workshop provided the students with the opportunity to learn more about dance and to support ongoing learning about African and Francophone culture. We wish to acknowledge the partial financial support for this workshop received from a socio-cultural grant provided to us by the Province of British Columbia and by Canadian Parents for French (CPF) BC/Yukon Branch & Vancouver Chapter.



## MASKS

A reminder that the province has now mandated mask wearing for all grades. We will be following handwashing protocols throughout the day. You are responsible for doing a daily health check on your child. **That daily health check is your crucial part in making things work smoothly.**

Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of illness. For your reference here's a link to district information including the Daily Health Check. The daily health check has been updated to reflect Omicron symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, unusual fatigue). You will also find the updated communicable disease plan and other useful links on that page. [VSB Daily Health Check](#).

## “Science Walk”



Grade 6 and 7 students from divisions 1, 3 & 4 were very excited to have been able to demonstrate their learning related to our study of physical and behavioural adaptations in science to every student in the school this past Friday. After much hard work and research, students were tasked with creating their own organism, identifying in which biome they lived, and explaining what adaptations they gave their new organism that allowed them to survive and reproduce in the given biome. Thank you to all the students, teachers, and support staff that came to have a look; our students were thrilled to show off their hard work.

Mme. Christine, Mme. Adrienne & Mme. Renée

## SAFE ARRIVAL – STUDENT ATTENDANCE



We will continue to use the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. You may do this 24/7. Please call (604) 713-5426, and press 1 for Safe Arrival (there is a prompt). You will then leave a message. **It is vital that all absences are called into the school prior to 9am. Please, speak clearly, leave your child's name, spelling of last name, division, day(s) and reason for absence.**

## STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL OR LEAVING EARLY

It is very important that students are accounted for. If your child arrives to school late, they should check in at the office and then go to class. It is also important that students leaving the school prior to 3pm on a given day are signed out. Since the school building is currently restricted to students and staff, please let the classroom teacher and the office know. When you arrive at the school, please come to the front door, and ring the doorbell, or call the office, and a staff member will sign out and release your child to you. We need to physically see that they go with their parent/guardian.

## Ministry of Education 2022 Student Learning Survey

This is a survey completed annually by students in grades 4,7,10, and 12, and their parents. Grade 4 and 7 students will complete the survey here at school after Spring Break. Parents of students in those grades are encouraged to go the website and complete the survey. It will take about thirty minutes.

Go to: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

- Scroll down to parents-direct access
- Select - SD#39 Vancouver
- Select - Lord Tennyson Elementary
- Log in – complete survey

## Student Drop-Off and Pick-up

A reminder to parents to please pay attention to signage around the school. Parking enforcement has attended and simply takes a picture of offending vehicles and issues tickets in the mail.

When dropping off please approach with the school on the left-hand side so that student can exit onto the boulevard rather than into traffic or requiring your child to cross the street. Three-minute parking is permitted on Maple St. and on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue for student drop off. Parking enforcement will give considerable leeway in these areas. However, any vehicles stopping in the posted “no stopping zone” on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue run the risk of getting a ticket for even the shortest stop. It is all about student safety so please respect the signage.

## Spring Break

The staff here at Tennyson would like to extend their best wishes for an enjoyable, refreshing break. May you create memories with family and friends that will last a lifetime. We look forward to everyone's return on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Last day of school before Spring Break is Friday, March 11.
- School reopens on Monday, March 28.

